

Dear Appropriations Committee,

I am writing regarding Bill 7027 to show my strong support for the value of the Council of Environmental Quality. The CEQ plays an active role in protecting Connecticut's environment, and it is inexpensive to maintain.

The CEQ is the only agency of its kind, making them invaluable to the health of our state. They provide important, unbiased information about environmental issues in Connecticut, both to the public and to elected officials. They monitor the potential environmental impacts of proposed construction projects and advise other state agencies accordingly. They investigate citizens' complaints regarding violations of environmental laws, and of course publish the Environmental Monitor, the official website for state project information and notifications of proposed sale or transfer of state owned land.

Once again, I strongly support the CEQ and hope that the Appropriations Committee sees its incredible value to the health of Connecticut's environment.

Thank you,
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